

SENATE BILL 1314

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56;
Title 63 and Title 71, relative to dentist in the
TennCare program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

71-5-151.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part and in addition to any provision of
title 56, chapter 32, or of the network adequacy standards of any federal waiver received
by the state that waives any or all of the provisions of Title XIX, in any county that
otherwise lacks a qualified dentist in the county who participates in the TennCare dental
program, the bureau of TennCare, and any managed care organization or benefit
manager which contracts with the TennCare program to provide dental services, shall
include within its provider network for that county the services of a qualified dentist who
applies to participate in the provider network.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.